# Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes

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# Summary of Proposed Changes



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#### Residential Districts

Smaller lots with reduced setbacks

#### Downtown Area

Form-based design elements

#### Commercial & Office Districts

- Design standards & min. lot widths/curb cuts
- Office district with TH & MF as special permit

#### Industrial Districts

- Move heavy uses from light industrial district
- Delete Unnecessary Districts



- Change How Special Permit Uses Handled
- Revise Administrative Section
  - Site Plan Review
  - Administrative Review
  - Application Requirements
  - Nonconformities
  - Zoning and Hearing Procedures
  - Variances
  - Relief Options and Appeals and Enforcement
- Increase Readability & Function



# **Zoning Ordinance – Articles**

- Art. I Introductory Provisions.
- Art. II Zoning Districts.
- Art. III –Uses, Dimensions & Building Types.
- Art. IV General Development Standards.
- Art. V –Design Standards & Conditions.
- Art. VI Parking / Landscape Buffers.
- Art. VII Administration.
- Art. VIII Zoning Decisions & Other Actions.
- Art. IX Appeals.
- Art. X Enforcement & Penalties.
- Art. XI Definitions.



# Existing Zoning Map

# Legend 170412.FormBasedZoning DCR DMS DT DTR M-H PDPD I-P

# Article III – Downtown Form-Based Districts

Elements to be Incorporated into Downtown District

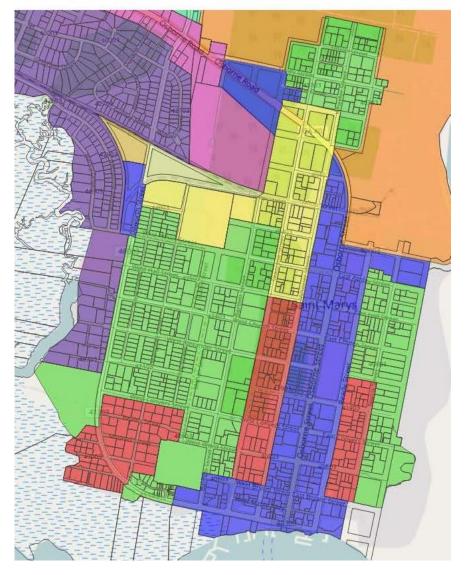


- Downtown Form-Based District (was C-1)
  - Rename: "Downtown St. Marys District"
  - Include all of Downtown Character Area
- Downtown District: Sub-Districts
  - Downtown Main Street (BLUE)
  - Downtown Transitional (YELLOW)
  - Downtown Cottage Residential (RED)
  - Downtown Traditional Residential (GREEN)



## Form-Based Districts – Draft Map

- Downtown Main Street (BLUE)
- Downtown Transitional (YELLOW)
- DowntownTraditionalResidential (RED)
- DowntownCottageResidential(GREEN)





#### Relationship to Historic District

 Properties within Historic District still subject to Historic District Ordinance

#### General Concepts

- Allow all types of residential based on location
- Require how buildings address the street
- Require "build-to" standards
- Add building design standards to foster reuse of buildings
- Allow on-street parking to count for part of multifamily required parking



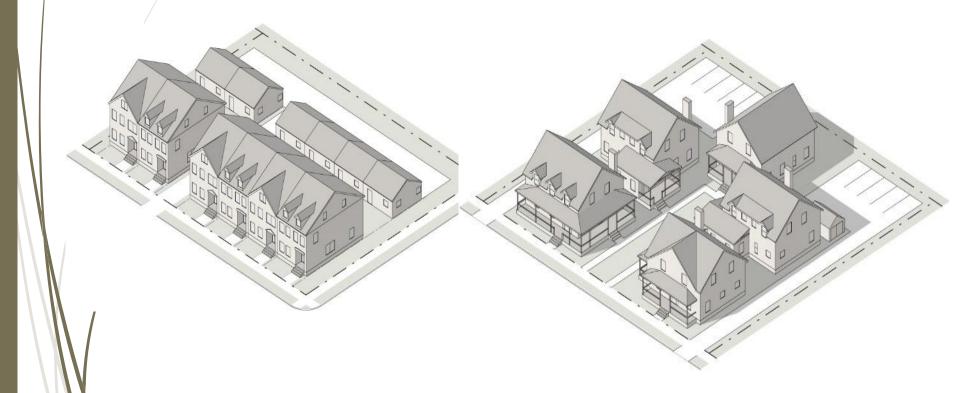
Detached and Attached Building Types





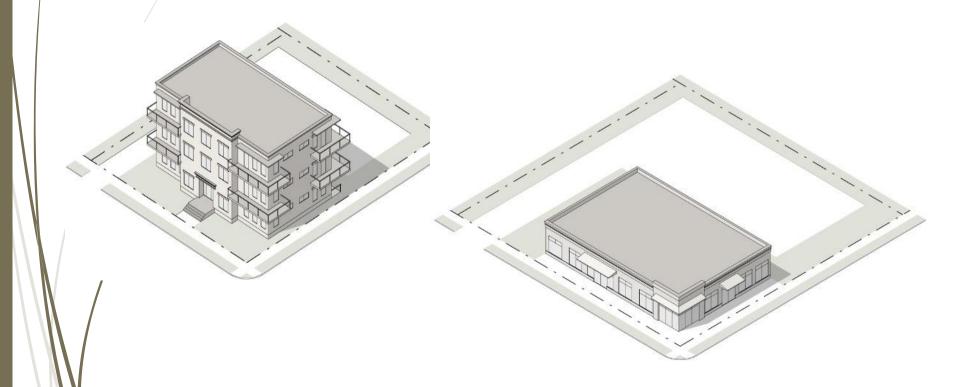
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Townhomes and Cottage Courts Building Types





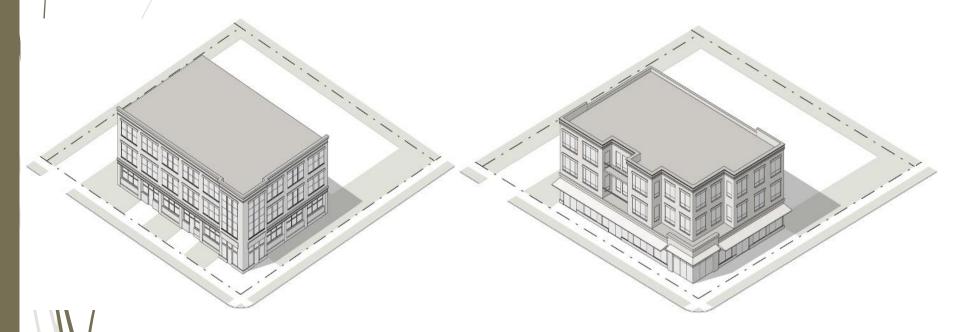
Apartment and Store Front Building Types





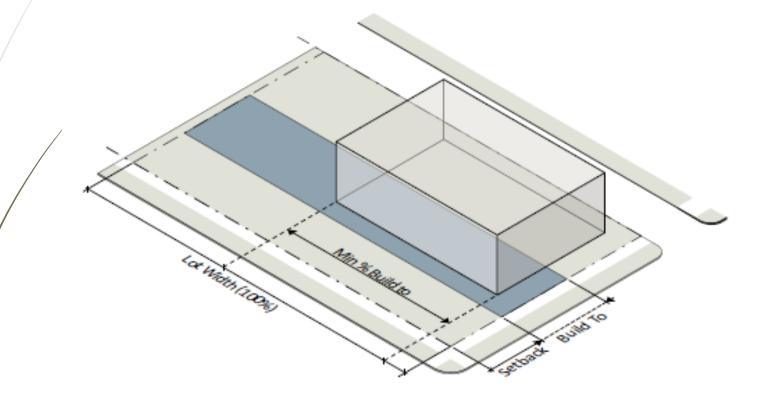
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General Building and Mixed Use Building Types





Coding for How Buildings Address Lot



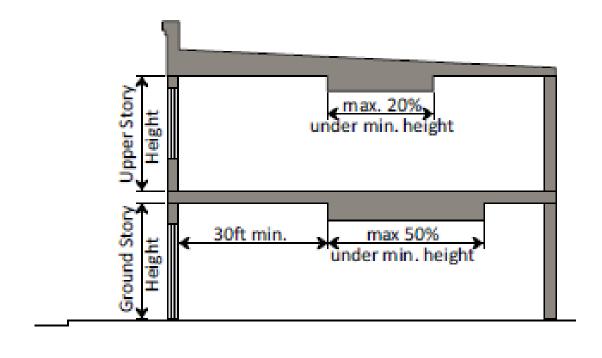


- Coding for Commerce
  - Percent of windows/door transparency on ground level and other floors





- Coding for Reuse
  - Minimum Heights





- Coding for Pedestrian Demands
  - Width and placement of sidewalks depend on adjacent land uses





- Coding for Public and Private Realms
  - Public Realm Standards for streets, sidewalk, landscaping, lighting, etc.
  - Private Realm Standards for porches, fencing, building placement

# a. THOROUGHFARE & FRONTAGES Building Private Frontage Public Frontage Frontage Frontage Frontage Private Lot Private Lot Private Lot Thoroughfare (R.O.W.) Private Lot



PRIMARY USE CATEGORIES	Residential Districts		Com	ice & merce tricts	Form-Based Districts			Industrial Districts		Special Districts			Additional Provisions			
Residential	R-1	R-2	R-3	Ξ	0	MMU	DMS	DT	DCR	DTR	5	<u></u>	A-F	C.P	PD	Ref.
Household Living, as listed below																
Single-family detached dwelling	Р	Р	P	Р									S		S	
Duplex dwelling	S	Р	P												S	
Triplex or quadplex dwelling		5	P		S	S									5	
Townhome dwelling		5	P		S	Р									5	
Multi-family dwelling	-	-	Р		S	Р									s	
Manufactured home dwelling	-	-		Р									S			
Cottage court development	S	S	S		S	S									s	
Group Living, as listed below																
Independent living facility		5	Р		S	Р									S	
Assisted living / Nursing Home	S	S	Р		S	Р									S	
Congregate care	5	S	Р		S	Р									5	
Dormitory		-	Р		S	Р										



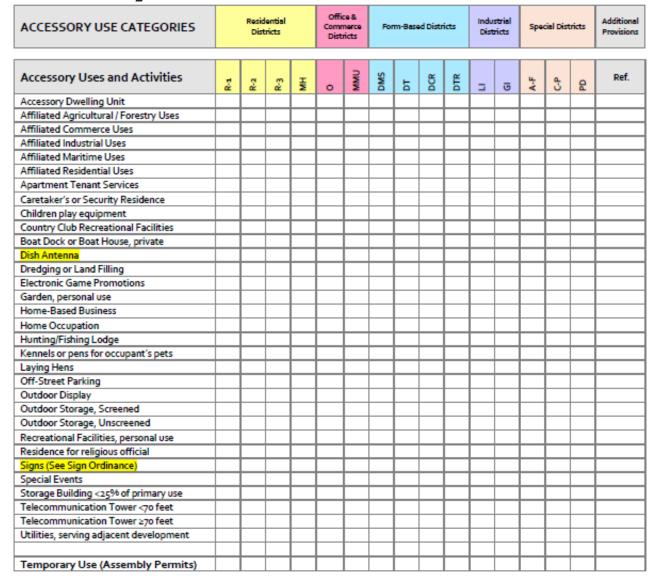
## **Commercial Use Table**

Commercial	R-1	R-2	R-3	Ŧ	0	MMU	DMS	ТО	DCR	DTR	5	<u>5</u>	A-F	C-P	PD	Ref.
Business Sales, with exception of		-		-		Р									S	
Business sales accessory to primary use		-	S		S	Р					5	5			5	
Business exceeding 40,000 sf	-	-				S									S	
Business with drive-thru		-				S									5	
Pawnshop	-	-				S										
Vapor shop	-	-				S										
Business Services, with exception of	-	-				Р									S	
Animal care, no boarding	-	-				S									5	
Animal care, boarding or outside runs/pens	5	-				S									5	
Broadcasting studio	-	-			S	Р					Р	Р				
Business services accessory to primary use	-	-	S		S	P					S	S			S	
Crematory		-				s					Р	Р				
Daycare, home	s	s	s		s	s									s	
Daycare, center	s	s	S		s	Р									s	
Gun range, indoor	-	-				s					s	s				
Gun range, outdoor	-	-										S	s			
Laundromat	-	-				P									5	
Mortuary	-	-			S	P										
Payday-Title Loans/Check Cashing	-	-				S										
Repair shop, appliances, etc.		-				s					Р	Р				
Tattoo parlor		-				s										
Theater	-	-				s									S	
Entertainment, as listed below	-	-				Р									s	
Amusement facility, indoor	-	-				Р					s	s			s	
Amusement facility, outdoor	-	-				S					S	5	S		5	
Country club	5	S	S										S		5	
Sexually-oriented business	-	-										P				
Sporting / musical venues		-				s					s	s				
Lodging, as listed below																
Bed and breakfast inn, ≤ ≥ bedrooms	s	s	s			Р									s	
Bed and breakfast, og bedrooms	-	-	S			Р									s	
Hotel / Motel	† <del>-</del>	-				Р									s	



## **Accessory Use Table**

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### **Dimensional Standards Table**

	Minimum Building Setbacks (Feet)											
District	Use	Max. Units / Acre	Min. Lot Area (Sq. Ft.)	Min. Lot Width (Feet)	Min. Lot Depth (Feet)	Front Yard <sup>3</sup> Front-Load / Rear Load	Rear Yard Front-Load / Rear Load	Side Yard Street / Interior	Side Yard Zero Lot Line	Max. Stories	Max. Height (Feet)	Max. Lo
Residential Districts												
R-1	SFD	5	9,0001	75²	120	254/15	15/5	15/10		3.0	35	30%
R-2	SFD	8	5,0001	50°	100	254/15	15/5	15/5	.5/9.56	2.5	35	40%
R-2	SFA	12	3,0001	30 <sup>2</sup>	100	254/15	15/5	15/5		2.5	35	40%
R-3 SFD Same as R-2												
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R-3	TH	16	1,0001	20 <sup>2</sup>	50	254/ 105	15/5	15 / 55		2.5	35	50%
R-3	MF	24	1,8001	200	200	50	50	50		4	45	50%
МН	SFD	8	5,000 <sup>1</sup>	50°	100	25	15	15/5		2.5	35	40%
Office and Commerce Districts												
0			22,500	150	150	50 / 257	20	25/20		4	45	40%
MMU			30,000	200	150	50 / 257	20	25/20		4	45	40%
					Downt	own Form-Ba	sed Districts					
DMS			3,000	20		0-107	0-10 8	0-10/59		4	45	100%
DT			5,000	30		0-107	0-10 8	0-10/59		4	45	60%
DCR Same as R-2 for SFD and SFA												
DTR Same as R-1 for SFD												
						Industrial Dis	tricts					
LI			1 acre	200	200	50	30	30			45	40%
GI			10 acres	600	600	20010	20010	20010			45	30%
						Special Dist	ricts					
A-F			10 acres	400	600	100	100/2511	100/2511			45	10%
C-P			50 acres								25	5%
PD	25 acres 500 800 Setbacks shall be established as part of PD							45	40%			



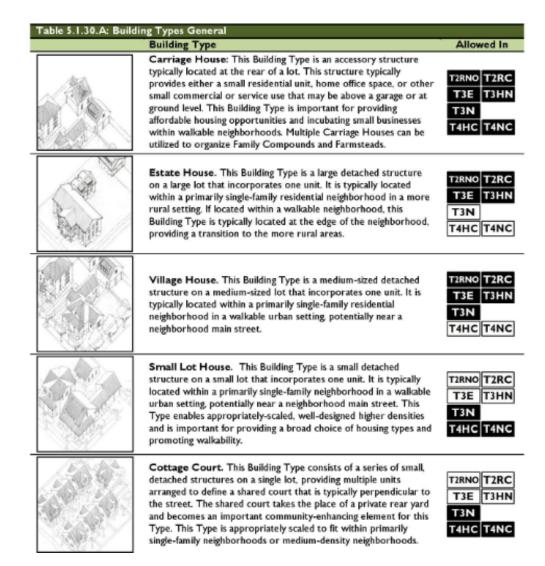




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	Townhouse. This Building Type is a small to medium-sized attached structure that consists of three or more dwelling units placed side-by-side. This Type is typically located within medium-density neighborhoods or in a location that transitions from a primarily single-family neighborhood into a neighborhood main street. This Type enables appropriately-scaled, well-designed higher densities and is important for providing a broad choice of housing types and promoting walkability. Synonym: Rowhouse	T2RNO T2RC T3E T3HN T3N T4HC T4NC
	Mansion Apartment. This Building Type is a medium structure that consists of three to six side-by-side and/or stacked dwelling units, typically with one shared entry or individual entries along the front. This Type has the appearance of a medium-sized family home and is appropriately scaled to fit in sparingly within primarily single-family neighborhoods or into medium-density neighborhoods. This Type enables appropriately-scaled, well-designed higher densities and is important for providing a broad choice of housing types and promoting walkability.	T2RNO T2RC T3E T3HN T3N T4HC T4NC
	Apartment House. This Building Type is a medium- to large- sized structure that consists of seven to 12 side-by-side and/or stacked dwelling units, typically with one shared entry. This Type is appropriately scaled to fit in medium-density neighborhoods or sparingly within large lot predominantly single-family neighborhoods. This Type enables appropriately-scaled, well- designed higher densities and is important for providing a broad choice of housing types and promoting walkability.	T2RNO T2RC T3E T3HN T3N T4HC T4NC
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#### Residential Zoning

SF allows Single-Family detached (1-8 units per acre)

DT allows SF and Duplex & Triplex (6-16 units per acre)

MF allows SF, DT and Multi-Family (12-24 units per acre)

HD allows SF, DT, MF and High-Density (18+ units per acre)

- + allows Accessory Dwelling Unit
- +C allows Cottage Unit Development

District	Residential	Minimum	Mixed-Uses
R-1	SF+SP	9,100	
R-2	DT	5,000 or 3,000	
R-3	MF	5,000 or 3,000	
RED	SF+	5,000	NP
RCD	DT+C	5,000 or 1,000 CD	Commercial SP
HVD	MF+	10,000 or 1,000	Commercial
HDD	HD	10,000 or 1,000	Commercial & LI SP

NP Not Permitted SP Special Use





